

COLUMBIA FALLS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

CITY FIRE HALL

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – Chairman Marquesen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Trustees Present: Marquesen, Chapin, Price, Staaland, and Hawkins. Also present: Fire Chief Hagen, Asst. Fire Chief Best, Karl Weeks and Susan Nicosia
2. REORGANIZE BOARD – RECOGNIZE NEW BOARD MEMBER – Chairman Marquesen welcomed newly elected Board member Edwin “Ed” Hawkins. Staaland made motion to nominate Marquesen as Chairman and to close nominations, Chapin seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor. Marquesen made motion to nominate Chapin as Secretary/Treasurer and to close nominations, Price seconded the motion. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.
3. CONSENT AGENDA – Staaland made motion to approve consent agenda, Chapin seconded the motion, and motion carried with all members voting in favor.
 - a. Approve March 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Approve June claims and YTD financial reports – Nicosia presented the YTD financial reports noting that the County had not yet released the June 2019 preliminary information so reported revenues were through May.
 - c. Approve July claims – Insurance invoice in the amount of \$8,596.
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Call for Bids – Burn Building/other site improvements – Hagen and Nicosia updated the Board on the status of the Burn Building and paving. Nicosia is preparing the Call for Bids – Burn Building and Hagen is getting quotes on the paving.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Engine 432 – Hagen recommended giving the surplus engine 432 to the Trego-Striker-Fortine Fire Department. The Board had previously approved retiring the engine from service and, after the public notification period, to dispose of the engine in the best manner. Hagen reported that state law allows for the Board to give the engine to another department. Hagen reported that the last two engines, one city and one rural were given to other fire departments. Price made motion to give Engine 432 to the Trego-Striker-Fortine Fire Department; Chapin seconded the motion and motion carried with all members voting in favor.

b. 2020 FY Preliminary Budget – Nicosia presented the preliminary budget to the Board. Nicosia noted that the Board would approve the final budget after the certified taxable valuation has been received in August. The Board reviewed the Fund 7211 General Budget of \$266,500 and the Fund 7249 Capital Budget of \$320,000. After Board discussion and review, Price made motion to adopt the Preliminary Budgets as presented, second by Hawkins. All Members voted in favor of the motion.

6. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND STAFF

a. Fire Chief Activity Report – Chief Hagen reviewed the department activity (see attached report).

7. ADJOURN – Board adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Board Chairman

Attest:



Board Secretary

Columbia Falls Rural Fire Protection Chief's Report 7/8/19



1. CFFD currently has 24 volunteer firefighters on the roster. One is out for maternity and one is in Army Reserve boot camp and training. One new application is pending.
2. CFFD has been dispatched to 163 incidents so far in 2019. Attached paperwork is through June.
3. The 2002 HME/Central States quint (441) is completed. I expect to put it in service by August. I want to feel confident we have enough firefighters trained to effectively deploy this apparatus when it's needed. We have been training regularly on the quint.
4. I would like the board to consider giving 432 to Trego-Fortine-Striker Fire Department. They are a fire department that does not have much money and could really use this engine. I explained a few of the minor issues such as needing a few gages replaced and some drain valves that stick periodically. They said those are things they can afford and are able to fix. The last two fire engines surplused have been given to needy departments that have really benefited. The 1974 Seagrave went to Saco from the city and the 1988 Mack went to Blankenship from the rural.
5. Apparently our lawn care company at the rural station quit us. No notification. Mike VanHaverbeke weed wacked the front and I trimmed and mowed the back. Anyone know of a lawn care company we should employ?
6. Karl Weeks recently attended 20 hours of training on Recruitment/Retention in Whitefish. This was four hours of pre-class computer work and a Saturday/Sunday classroom course. He has some good information to present to the membership. We have a survey the firefighters are filling out regarding this topic. Wednesday after the business meeting is the deadline.
7. I will be getting prices for paving the training area after I get back from vacation.
8. Susan has the call for bids request for the burn building.

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Columbia Falls Fire Department Incident Breakdown

2019	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD	2019
Dispatches	16	38	23	26	25	28							156	Dispatches
ALS Medical Total	0	3	2	0	3	0							8	ALS Medical Total
BLS Medical Total	5	12	10	4	4	3							38	BLS Medical Total
Medical CPR	0	1	0	0	1	0							2	Medical CPR
Medical ALS	0	1	0	0	0	0							1	Medical ALS
Medical BLS	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	Medical BLS
Medical Lift Assist	3	0	8	2	3	0							16	Medical Lift Assist
MVA with injury	0	3	0	0	3	2							8	MVA with injury
Extrication	0	1	0	0	0	0							1	Extrication
Ambulance Driver	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	Ambulance Driver
MVA non injury	0	10	4	2	0	1							17	MVA non injury
Airport Emergency	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	Airport Emergency
Traffic Control	2	0	0	1	0	0							3	Traffic Control
HazMat	1	0	0	0	0	1							2	HazMat
Hazardous Conditions														Hazardous Conditions
CO	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	CO
Gas Leak/Odor inside	0	2	1	2	1	0							6	Gas Leak/Odor inside
Gas Leak/Odor outside	2	0	0	0	1	2							5	Gas Leak/Odor outside
Powerline	0	1	0	1	1	2							5	Powerline
Other	0	0	0	0	1	3							4	Other
Service	1	4	0	0	1	1							7	Service
Good Intent	1	0	0	2	2	4							9	Good Intent
Fire Alarm	1	1	0	0	1	0							3	Fire Alarm
False Alarm	0	5	4	3	1	1							14	False Alarm
Illegal burn	0	0	1	1	0	1							3	Illegal burn
Smoke Investigation, outside	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	Smoke Investigation, outside
Smoke Investigation, inside	1	0	0	0	0	3							4	Smoke Investigation, inside
Cancelled enroute	3	8	4	9	4	6							34	Cancelled enroute
Fire, residential	1	0	0	0	2	0							3	Fire, residential
Fire, chimney	0	0	0	0	0	0							0	Fire, chimney
Fire, commercial	0	1	1	0	1	0							3	Fire, commercial
Fire, vehicle	0	0	0	1	1	0							2	Fire, vehicle
Fire, vegetation, grass	0	0	0	2	0	1							3	Fire, vegetation, grass
Fire, vegetation, wildland	0	0	0	0	1	0							1	Fire, vegetation, wildland
Dispatch Totals	16	38	23	26	25	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	156	Dispatch Totals
Structure fires	1	0	0	0	3	0							4	Structure fires
Acres burned	0	0	0	2	0.25	0							2.25	Acres burned